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**RESPONSE/PETITION TO THE DECISION ON PETITION & NOTIFICATION OF
DEFECTIVE DECLARATION**

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Sir:

In response/petition to the Decision on Petition & Notification of Defective Declaration ("Notice") mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated April 17, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit herewith the following documents: (1) a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by Robert Frigg and Paul Pavlov, (2) a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by Dominique Burkard, (3) a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by Beat Lechmann and Robert Mathys Jr. (4) a copy of the previously provided and accepted Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by Max Aebi, (5) a General Power of Attorney authorizing Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP to act on Behalf of Synthes (U.S.A.) and (6) a 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement.

No fee is believed due for this submission. If, however, the Commissioner determines otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may now or hereafter be due in this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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